

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph [0027]:

[0027] Various gelling agent polymers can be utilized to produce the hydrophobically modified gelling agent polymer including, but not limited to, biopolymers such as xanthan and ~~succinoglycan~~ succinoglycan, water dispersible organic polymers such as polyvinyl alcohols, polyacrylamides, polyacrylates and acrylamide/acrylic acid copolymers, and natural and derivatized polysaccharides including guar, guar derivatives and cellulose derivatives.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph [0029]:

[0029] Examples of cellulose derivatives include, but are not limited to, carboxymethylcellulose, carboxymethylhydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxyethylcellulose, methylhydroxypropylcellulose, methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, propylcellulose, ethylcarboxymethylcellulose, methylethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose and the like. Biopolymers which can be used include xanthan and ~~succinoglycan~~ succinoglycan.